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David Lamar Christ, 67, a retired official of the Central Intelligence Agency and the chairman of HDS Inc., an electronics research and development firm in Reston that he founded in 1971, died of cancer Dec. 9 at Sibley Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Christ, a resident of Bethesda, was born in Tamaqua, Pa. He graduated from Pennsylvania State University and served in the Army Air Forces in the Pacific in World War II.

He moved to the Washington area in 1950 and joined the CIA. At the time he retired in 1970, he was the director of two technical groups concerned with applied physics, communications and related subjects. He received the Intelligence Medal of Merit at his retirement and the Distinguished Intelligence Cross in 1979.

After leaving the government, Mr. Christ spent a year with DEVENCO Inc., an electronics firm, and then started his own business. He was president and chairman until 1983, when he stepped down as president. He continued as chairman until his death.

Mr. Christ was a president of the council of Christ Lutheran Church in Bethesda and also was a board member of the Christ Church Child Center and a teacher in the Sunday school.

Survivors include his wife of 41 years, Wilma M. Christ of Bethesda; three daughters, Elaine Brewster of Olathe, Kan., Linda Christ of Brunswick, Maine, and Susan Christ of Chapel Hill, N.C.; three sons, Thomas, of Haymarket, Va., Stewart, of Reston, and Roger, of Fairfax; his mother, Mrs. David A. Christ of Tamaqua; one sister, Elizabeth Jones of Miami; four brothers, Warren, of Tamaqua, Robert, of Philadelphia, Lawrence, of Ocean City, Md., and Charles, of Rockville, and six grandchildren.